

RUSSIANS CROSS SERETH; CAPTURE TWO VILLAGES

Smash Teuton Line in Galicia, Bag 1,200 Prisoners.

AUSTRIANS GAIN IN CARPATHIANS

Force Czar's Troops Back—Brussiloff Plans New Blow.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)
London, Aug. 5.—In furious assaults south of Brody the Russians have crossed the Sereth River, consolidated their positions on the right bank, swept in two more villages, a wood and a commanding height, and bagged more than 1,200 prisoners. It is apparent that the Austrian line has again been smashed in this region, and all indications are that the Teuton troops are falling back toward the Stripsa and toward Lemberg in disorder.
The Russian advance here was irresistible. Nine times the enemy rallied and counter charged from the woods bordering the two streams, but they were brushed back with ease and the Czar's troops continued their forward movement. In the villages the Aus-

trians offered the stiffest resistance, but house to house and street to street fighting, in which the Russians have shown themselves to excel, finally swept them out. From then on their retreat in the face of overwhelming Russian charges became swifter and less organized, and to-night the Russians were driving on with little opposition.

Russians Lose in South.

In the Carpathian passes, southwest of Kut, the Austrians continued their advance and compelled General Lechitsky's forces to retire for some distance.

Elsewhere along the great 400-mile front there was extraordinarily little activity on either side.

Although Vienna ascribes the sudden fall in the Russian activities to the heavy losses inflicted on the Czar's armies in the recent violent fighting in northern Galicia and Volhynia, military authorities here discard that view as absurd. Taking into consideration the whole strategic scheme of the Russian high command since the offensive was launched, they declare any such period of inactivity can only preface the opening of some new great stroke.

Await Drive on Petrograd.

The next few days are expected to reveal the plans of the German staff for Hindenburg's proposed drive against Petrograd. Unless the Germans can strike, and strike with power, at the northern line before the Russians launch some new offensive to the south, it is not believed that any but temporary success will meet the efforts of the German field marshal to hit at Russia's capital city.

The command of the entire Eastern front, according to the Berlin "Lokal Anzeiger," is now divided between Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Archduke Charles Francis of Austria, heir apparent to the Austrian throne. Field Marshal von Hindenburg's front extends down to the sectors in which General Count von Bothmer commands, the latter being under the supreme command of the Archduke.

To-night's Russian announcement reads: "The battles on the Rivers Graberki and Sereth, south of Brody, are developing in our favor. Our troops, after consolidating their position on the

right bank of the river, captured two more villages by assault and part of a wood situated southeast of one of them and a height situated between the two. Especially fierce fighting occurred in the villages, where it was necessary to drive the enemy out of nearly every street. The enemy made nine counter attacks from the neighboring woods. All these were repulsed, and the enemy suffered heavy losses. Over 1,200 men were taken prisoner and fresh prisoners continue to arrive."

Germans Hold Drina Line.

The German announcement reads: "Army Group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. Attempts by the Russians to cross the Drina near Deventen were frustrated."

"The number of prisoners captured near Rudka-Mirynskaja has grown to 561 men."

"On the river Sereth, northwest of Zolozze, repeated enemy attacks were repulsed."
"Russian detachments which had penetrated across the Sereth near Ratsyevy were forced to retreat before our counter attacks. Near Melzidry and Tschistopady the enemy is still making a stand on the southern bank."

Army Group of Field Marshal Archduke Karl.

"During successful Carpathian battles 325 Russians have been taken prisoner up to the present and two machine guns captured."

The Austrian statement reads:

"Archduke Charles Francis Joseph's troops in the Carpathians gained fur-

ther ground yesterday and captured 325 prisoners and 2 guns."

IMPORTER DIES AT CLUB

Richard Gough, Rich Merchant, Was 'Change Member.

Richard Gough, president of Richard Gough & Co., rice importers, at 15 William Street, died yesterday at the New York Athletic Club, where he had lived for the last sixteen years. He was fifty-eight years old.

Mr. Gough was unmarried and is survived by a sister, Annie Gough, and a brother, William T. Gough. He was a member of the New York Produce Exchange, St. George Society, British Schools and Universities Society and the Japan Society of New York. Funeral services will be held to-day.

CRASH IS NEAR, DECLARES JOFFRE

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more and more bitter, every one recognizes in the complete unity of the Allies that destiny has advanced its course, and every one is clearly seeing that the final outcome is going to be. The unity on all fronts is a great characteristic of the campaign now going on, and the effect is apparent to the Allies, who now have had time to form their plans, thanks to the sacrifices which the French nation has made at Verdun.

"We must also pay full homage to the splendid part our Allies are taking in the increasing efforts along the Somme and on all other fronts. The Russian effort has now succeeded in organizing and putting forward larger forces of men, drawn from their apparently inexhaustible resources of human material, and at the same time fully arming these masses. The splendid results of their efforts are shown in that they have accomplished in Galicia and along the entire Eastern front."

Pays Tribute to Britain.

"Once more the chance has fallen to England to show the vast extent of her resources, both in men and material, and the extent of her efforts is shown in what has been accomplished on the Somme front."

"The Italians have had a much harder task and a more limited sphere of action, yet they have fulfilled their part of this common action. As for the reorganized Serbian army, it is only just beginning to take its full part in the war."

"The Crash is Coming."

"We know for certain," continued the general, "that although every day fighting is as desperately as ever, the Germans are drawing on their last reserves. Their game has been, up until now, to transfer their reserves from one point to another, but with the united action of the Allies on all fronts our enemy finds such a course impossible now, and will find it increasingly so in the future. It is not for me to say how long the struggle is going to last, but that really matters little."

"We know the crash is coming, and you feel as well as we do that we have already reached and passed the turning point. The five months' resistance of our troops at Verdun has shattered the hopes of the Germans and has turned the scale."

"But still I do not imagine that there is a complete weakening of the German effort on the Western front. We know there are still opposed to all our armies on the Western front two-thirds of the best fighting forces that Germany can put in the field—that is, 122 divisions of their best troops against the French and British line on the West and 50 German divisions operating with the Austrian forces along the Russian front."

War to the Finish.

General Joffre was speaking with great earnestness as he referred to the extent of the German forces massed on the Western front, but he now turned to another topic, saying:

"But, although it is a pleasure for me to give you this information, yet I think it is the best thing for you to see what is going on for yourselves. You will see on the front an army of which the spirit and energy have remained exactly the same after two years of war. Not only that, but the number of our soldiers at the front is actually greater to-day than it was at the beginning of the war. You will understand the determination to see the war through to a victorious conclusion."

Fighting for World Liberty.

"We are fighting not merely for the interests of our respective countries, but also for the liberties of the world, and we shall not stop until the liberties of the world are definitely assured."

General Joffre concluded the interview with a renewal of his cordial feeling toward the American people.

The arrangement for the talk with General Joffre was made by Franklin Bouillon, member of the Chamber of Deputies.

BRITISH SEIZE 3-MILE FRONT

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post. It is a vital position for the Germans if the British are to be held. The British advance is now slowly approaching the farther edge of the ridge running by Pozieres. Once this is attained, military opinion here holds, the Germans will not be able to maintain the yard-by-yard defense which has been met so far. It is thought that they will have to yield a large area of ground.

British Gains Large.

The British official communication issued at 10 p. m. reads:

"Including the capture of the German trenches reported this morning, we during the last two days pushed forward our line north and west of Pozieres some 400 to 600 yards over a front of about 3,000 yards."

"Troops from Australia, Kent, Surrey and Sussex participated in this operation and consolidated the position won, despite the shell fire, which was especially heavy near the Pozieres-Bapaume road."

"Our artillery shelled La Courcelle and Miraumont, causing large explosions in both places. Ten gun emplacements and three ammunition stores were destroyed. The enemy attempted to seize a crater near Souchez, but was repulsed with bombs."

"There was some artillery activity between Hoge and St. Elol, where the enemy exploded a small mine, but no movement followed."

"The enemy's aircraft showed little enterprise. Eight of their machines scattered when engaged by three of ours."

New Troops Win Success.

The earlier British statement says: "North of Pozieres a local attack last night, in which Australians and troops of the new army took part, was completely successful. The German main second line system on a front of over 2,000 yards was captured, several hundred prisoners remaining in our hands."

"Repeated counter attacks subsequently delivered against the position captured were met with very heavy losses to the enemy."

"Except for some mining activity near Souchez and Loos there was no incident of importance on the remainder of the British front."

The official communication issued by the Paris War Office to-night reads: "On the right bank of the Meuse the enemy made no attempt in the sector of Triumont. We have organized the positions conquered immediately west of the road from Thiaumont to Fleury, and in the village, the entire southern part of which we hold."

"After a violent bombardment, which lasted the entire day, the Germans launched two powerful attacks in the

Vaux le Chapitre wood. One of these attacks, broken by our fire, was not able to reach our lines. The enemy, who in the course of the second attack had succeeded in penetrating some elements of our trenches, were immediately driven out by a counter attack. Our front remained intact."

"Aviation: The German aeroplanes which fell near Moranville and was reported in the communication of this morning was brought down by Sergeant Lenoir. This is the sixth enemy aeroplane accounted for thus far by this pilot."

French Hold Thiaumont.

The text of the earlier French statement follows:

"The night passed in relative quiet on the Somme front. Between the Rivers Avre and Aisne we dispersed several patrols of the enemy and took a number of prisoners."

"On the right bank of the River Meuse the cannonading last night was violent on the entire sector between Thiaumont and Fleury. The Germans endeavored by furious counter attacks to drive us from the work of Thiaumont, which we hold firmly. This fighting lasted from 9 o'clock last night to this morning. It resulted in heavy losses to the enemy, and each one of their endeavors were repulsed without

their being able to obtain the slightest advantage."

"The fighting continued with equal spirit in the village of Fleury, but it resulted in no appreciable change in the situation."

"On the right bank of the river, to the east of Pont-a-Mousson, after a preparatory artillery fire, the Germans delivered upon our positions in the Fauc forest an attack which resulted in failure under the fire of our machine guns."

"On the Somme front French scouting aeroplanes delivered seventeen attacks upon the enemy, during the course of which two German machines were seriously damaged and compelled to land precipitately within their lines. Two other German aeroplanes were brought down in the region of Verdun. One fell near Abaucourt and the other not far from Moranville."

German Statement.

The Berlin statement follows:

"According to supplementary reports, these battles north of the Somme which we reported yesterday took place on an extended front and against strong British forces. At the end of the day fighting was still in progress at some points. British troops advanced in the sectors stretching from north of Oivillers to Fouraux wood

were repulsed, with heavy losses, at certain points, after stubborn hand-to-hand fighting. New battles developed to-day near Pozieres."

"A partial advance by the French south of Maurepas during the afternoon was repulsed."

"In the Aisne region the enemy carried out numerous patrol operations, which were everywhere without result."

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) 468 prisoners, belonging to four different divisions, were captured during our counter attacks yesterday in the Fleury sector."

"In the region of the Thiaumont work bitter fighting again developed."

"Two enemy biplanes were brought down during an aerial battle in the Somme district."

Rutgers to Celebrate.

New Brunswick, N. J., Aug. 5.—Representatives of European and American universities have been invited to attend the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Rutgers College, which will be held here beginning October 11. There will be an historical pageant, and W. H. S. Demarest, president of the college, will start a movement to raise \$1,000,000 for the institution.

TWO WOMEN DIE WHEN AUTOS CRASH ON BRIDGE

Mrs. Joseph Howard, Composer's Wife, Is Injured.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 5.—Two women were killed and another—Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, wife of the composer—was seriously injured in an automobile accident near New Gretna, four miles from Tuckerton, to-night.

Two heavily laden cars, one driven by Howard and the other by James Deane, chauffeur for a wealthy New York millionaire, collided on Job's Bridge, and both machines were demolished.

The dead women are Mrs. Frank Browning, of Thirty-sixth Street, near Eighth Avenue, New York, the wife of the New York State manager of the Post Toasties Cereal Company, who was in Howard's car, and a Mrs. Cramer, of New York, who was in the other car. Mrs. Howard, whose stage name is Ethelyn Clark and who was to appear with her husband in the head-line act at Keith's Garden Pier Theatre, next week, sustained a severe gash on one cheek. She is in the City Hospital unconscious.

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Silk and Gabardine Coats to close out at 25.00

Stockinette Coats to close out at 28.00

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